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Congratulations to our Award Winning Restaurants!



Winning restaurateurs: Front (l to r) Nicola Fellows (Mix), Theunis Botha and Maria Hendricks (Karoo Kombuis). Middle (l to r) Chris van Zyl (Swartberg Arms) and Denise Potter (Karoo Kombuis). Standing (l to r) Michael Bonthuys (Karoo Kombuis) and Jeremy Freemantle (African Relish). (Absent: Simoné Smit, African Relish)

Prince Albert restaurants African Relish, Karoo Kombuis, Mix and Swartberg Arms have won the Klein Karoo Gourmand Awards/Smulpaap Toekennings for 2012. The four local restaurants joined 16 other first time recipients of the brand new award for the Top 20 restaurants in the Klein Karoo, which included Prince Albert.

The winners were announced in Oudtshoorn on 19 December 2012. Prince Albert was placed second to Oudtshoorn, which had seven restaurants in the Top 20. De Rust, Montagu and Barrydale boasted two winners each, while Calitzdorp and Ladismith each had one winning restaurant. Ronnie's Sex Shop on the R62 between Ladismith and Barrydale received a special award as a tourism beacon and for its contribution to tourism in the region over the last 10 to 12 years.

Celebrity chef, Francois Ferreira and 'foodie', Anne Hadley, initiated the Klein Karoo Gourmand Awards with the

support of Oudtshoorn newspaper, *Die Hoorn* and South Cape Vineyards, which has wine cellars in Oudtshoorn, Barrydale and Ladismith. Ferreira is principal of the Eden School of Culinary Arts in George and is a respected personality on the South African culinary scene. Hadley and her late husband, Ian, were the driving force behind the annual CXpress Culinary Awards for the Garden Route a decade ago.

Interviewed by the *Friend*, Ferreira said that the awards were "about consistency, consistency, consistency... in terms of the quality of food and service. And here we include ambience, the menu and wine list and the standard of a restaurant's facilities."

From June 2012 a team of 12 ghost diners visited 220 restaurants from Montagu to Prince Albert. A shortlist of 80 restaurants was drawn up, and then reduced to 40. From that the final 20 winners were selected. Ferreira pointed out that the winning restaurants were each visited on six different occasions and at different times of



the day depending on the nature of the restaurant. Restaurants were judged on their own merits according to the competition's criteria and were not compared with others.

The ghost diners were anonymous, were not sponsored and paid for their meals themselves. "Most were ordinary people – Joe Public – who like food. A small number were professionals, who looked more at the technical aspects," Ferreira explained. Judging for the 2013 Top 20 Awards starts in February and Ferreira is convinced that they will contribute to improved quality of food and service in restaurants in the Klein Karoo. "We have seen the positive impact of the CXpress Culinary Awards on restaurants on the Garden Route these last ten years. Judging has become tougher as the restaurants have improved in all aspects of quality and service."

Prince Albert's winning restaurateurs were taken aback but very pleased when they heard the news of their awards in the middle of January.

Nicola Fellows, owner of Mix Artisan Bistro & Fine Art Gallery, told the *Friend*, "I am so chuffed that Prince Albert has done so well. For a town of our size, four winning restaurants is an achievement to be proud of." Tourism Manager, Zelia Mullins, said, "This is a real 'pluimpie' for the town in a year that so much has happened to put us on the map!"

- Linda Jaquet -

Welkom aan 2013!

Die nuwe jaar is reeds 'n maand oud. Na afloop van die gewoel van 2012, ons wens vir Prince Alberters is dat ons almal op die inisiatiewe, suksesse en welwillendheid van die 250ste verjaarsdagviering kan bou.

Baie dankie aan ons lesers, adverteerders en skrywers vir julle volgehoue ondersteuning. Julle is die rede dat ons hard probeer om elke maand 'n goeie koe-

rant wat iets vir almal in het uit te bring. Dankie ook aan die baie helpers wat agter die skerms werk om inligting te kry, die papier te proeflees, te vou en aan julle af te lewer.

You should know that we look forward to receiving your articles, letters and opinions and hope that you will feel free to keep contributing.

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'n Christelike Perspektief: Dieselfde soort mense

'n Wyse boer se plaas het aan die grootpad gegrens. Hy het dit 'n interessante tydverdryf gevind om die mense wat daar verbygaan dop te hou terwyl hy op sy lande werk.

Op 'n dag sien hy weer iemand aankom. "Goeiedag," knoop hy 'n geselsie aan toe die reisiger binne hooraafstand kom. "En waarheen is u op pad?"

"Ek is op soek na 'n ander blyplek. Kan jy my sê watter soort mense bly in die volgende dorp?"

"Watter soort mense bly in die dorp waarvandaan jy nou kom?" vra die boer sonder om op te hou werk.

"O, tréurig! Antwoord die man. "'n Korrupte klomp; oneerlike, selfsugtige, onbedagsame mense. Ek kon glad nie met hulle klaarkom nie. Dis dié dat ek daar wou wegkom en nou 'n ander woonplek soek."

"Dan moet ek vir jou sê," antwoord die boer, "dat jy dieselfde soort mense ook in ons dorp sal aantref."

Met 'n sug groet die reisiger en stap

verder. Later in die dag sien die boer weer iemand aankom. Toe die reisiger by die boer kom, begin hulle ook gesels en die vreemdeling vra later: "Watter soort mense bly in die dorp hier naby? Ek moet binnekort hier kom intrek." Sonder om sy werk te staak, gee die boer sy teenvraag: "Watter soort mense bly in die dorp waar jy nou vandaan kom?"

"Lieflike mense! Hulle is so bedagsaam en goedgehartig. Dit was vir my bitter moeilik om daar weg te gaan."

Die boer sit sy skoffel neer en steek sy hand uit na die man.

"Dan is ek bly om te sê dat dit presies die soort mense is wat jy in ons dorp sal aantref. Welkom hier by ons."

*"Behandel ander mense
soos julle self behandel wil word."*

Lukas die Evangelis

Uit: *"Stories vir die lewe – omnibus"*

(Piet Naudé)

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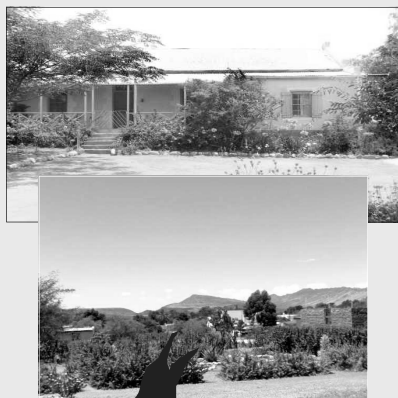
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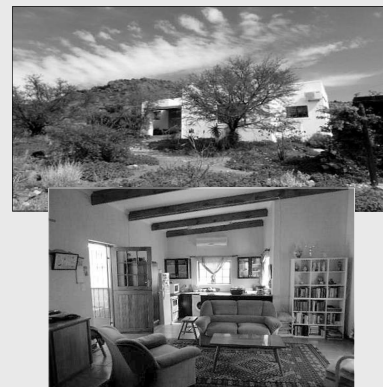
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Veels geluk, Christian de Wit

Geluk aan Christian de Wit met die Graad B-Ing (Siviel) wat hy Desember 2012 aan Universiteit Stellenbosch behaal het. Voorspoed met die pad vorentoe.

Christian is 'n oud-leerling van die Hoër Landbouskool Oakdale te Riversdal.

De Wit gesin

**Lah-di-dah's
Super Curry Supper**

Bored with Sunday evening sarmies and left overs, I was excited to see that there would be something special and different served on a Sunday evening at Lah-di-dah. I decided to invite Yolande as a guest. Full of anticipation I booked for Yvette and Johnny's Curry dinner on Sunday 23 December 2012 – and we were not disappointed.

The weather and setting were gorgeous and our hosts went out of their way to ensure that it was a perfect evening out for all.

We were treated to homemade bread, dukkha, balsamic vinegar and olive oil for a starter. For mains there was an authentic Indian curry with sambals, papadums and basmati rice. Johnny decided to give it a South African twist and made the curry in a "potjie". Delicious! For

desert, there were refreshing lychees and ice cream.

A great atmosphere, fabulous food, excellent value for money and friendly hosts made for an overall good time. Well done Yvette and Johnny. We are looking forward to the next "special" Sunday evening dinner at Lah-di-dah.

Michelle Smith

**Consternation
over rubbish enclosures**

I used not fully to understand the terms "perpetual motion" and "*déjà vu*." However, since the clean up on Mandela Day, 18 July 2012, when we all did our bit for 67 minutes, I have seen the light.

I have watched the EPWP workers and the Municipal cleaning teams pick up litter, put it in black bags and place the bags in the rubbish enclosures along the road at the town's northern entrance. The bags are then broken and rummaged through. The wind blows the rubbish all over, back on to the golf course and against the fencing and shrubs, ready for the EPWP and Municipal workers to collect again, and again, and again... Aha, I realised, this is what is meant by "perpetual motion."

I, and others I know, have also had *déjà vu* moments on a weekly basis. We have spotted the same colourful plastic bags

impaled on the golf course fence and shrubs on four consecutive days – although the cleaning teams have cleared and bagged them every day! This is definitely fruitless expenditure and must be demoralising to the people that are picking up the same litter again and again on a daily basis.

Surely the rubbish enclosures should have been fenced in and gated by now? And shouldn't they be cleared every week? This would be one way of living up to our proud status as Western Cape Town of the Year.

John McKenna

Doggie Dos and Don'ts

It is with regret that I notice that people are allowing their dogs to do their business on the Hoërskool Zwartberg sports field without having the decency to pick up after them.

Many of us enjoy the privilege of using the grounds so that our dogs have the opportunity to run off their leashes. But, I am certain that should this messy state of affairs continue the school, rightfully so, will put an end to dogs being exercised on the field. If you had a child at the school, I'm sure you would be more respectful.

Please pick up after your dogs!

Yolande Singery

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The Museum's Christeline Esterhuizen talks about indigenous medicinal plants to learners at Prince Albert Primêr (Photo: Fransie Pienaar Museum)

The New Year has started and the Fransie Pienaar Museum is up and running ready for our schools to attend all the educational programmes on offer at the Museum.

While the programmes are several and varied, our four most popular curriculum-based programmes are the San and Khoi Educational Programme designed

for Grade 5 learners, the Fossil Educational Programme for Grades 7 to 12, the Medicinal Plants Educational Programme for Grades 5 and 6, and the Local History Programme for Grade 4 (Social Sciences: History). Please contact the Museum to learn about all the programmes that are available.

Presentations are in Afrikaans or English

and are either an hour or two long. We can also adapt their length to suit the time available to classes. Hands-on activities help make the learning process more real and more fun. Educators receive a 'Teacher's pack' which includes a worksheet. This assists in assessing the learners and the programme.

The Museum does not charge an entrance fee for school groups.

We hope that 2013 will be a busy year of interaction with all local schools – in Prince Albert, Klaarstroom, Leeu-Gamka and Merweville. Please contact us on 023 541 1172 or fransiepienaar@lantic.net to learn more about programmes on offer and to schedule an educational programme session.

We look forward to hearing from you!

*Museum Greetings
Lydia Barrella*

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OOP OP
***SONDAE**

Sterreprag oor Prince Albert

In Februarie, vergeleke met die vorige maand, lyk die nagtelike sterreheemel nog nie baie anders nie. Die somer-konstellasies, Taurus, Orion en Canis Major, oorheers nog die hoofaansig, alhoewel hulle tydens die standaard waarnemingstyd, 22h00, reeds effens na die Weste verskuif het.

Die helderste ster, Sirius (magnitude -1.5) in Canis major, vang die oog en die twee rooi reuse Aldebaran in Taurus en Betelgeuse in Orion staan ook duidelik uit. Dié twee rooierige sterre is ou sterre, baie ouer as ons Son, en het al hul primêre brandstofvoorraad, naamlik waterstof, opgebruik. Met net nege ligjaar afstand van ons af, tel Sirius as 'n buurster van ons Son. Sy blouerige lig dui net soos by Rigel in Orion op sy jeugdige ouderdom en op die hoë temperatuur op sy oppervlak.

Die helder tweelingspaar, **Pollux en Castor**, kulmineer (bereik hul hoogste posisie) in die Noorde en kan maklik uitgeken word omdat hulle naby aan mekaar lê.

Die sterrebeeld van die Leeu in die Ooste, wat effens later in die aand opstyg, dui al op wat die koms van die herfs. **Leo** is 'n geweldige groot sterrebeeld met die helder hoofster Regulus ("klein koning") wat op die Ekliptika lê. Die omgekeerde vraagteken of sekel (of vishoek soos 'n seuntjie vir my gesê het) dui die Leeu se maanhare aan en jy moet vir jouself 'n leeu wat op sy rug lê voorstel.

Saturnus (mag. 0.4) bevind hom hierdie jaar in die sterrebeeld van die Weegskaal, wat voor die Skerpioen is, en dus teen die

einde van die maand reeds voor middernag opkom. Mens moet dus die maklik herkenbare Skerpioen kan vind voor jy met sekerheid Saturnus sal vind, omdat hy nie helderder as die sterre in sy omgewing is nie. Saturnus se ringe is nou weer mooi oopgedraai, wat hom 'n pragtige objek maak om deur 'n teleskoop te bekijk.

Jupiter, met magnitude -2.2, is nog net vir 'n paar uur na sononder te sien, in die sterrebeeld van die Bul, in 'n noordwestelike rigting, maar is nog steeds die helderste objek in die aand, wat hom baie opsigtelik maak.

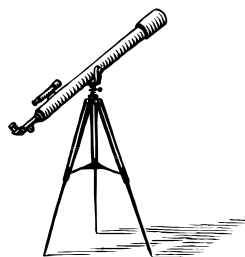
Nuwe Maan is op die 10de Februarie en **Volmaan** op die 25de Februarie.

In die Suide sien ons nou weer **al drie kruise** bokant die Swartberg en kan ons ook nog die **groot en klein Magellaanse wolke waardeur**. In hierdie rigting wemmel dit van pragtige voorwerpe wat mens met 'n verkyker kan bestudeer.

Hou die sterre in u oë!

(Vir enige navrae omtrent sterresake kan u Hans Daehne nader by 072-641-9657 of by daehne@telkomsa.net)

- Hans Daehne -



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6 Februarie: Garden Club visits Dr Reinders' veggie garden, 09:00

20 Februarie: VLV 'Potpourri' vergadering, Dalene Coetzee se huis, 15:00

February/March: Eastern Cape Art Exhibition, Karoo Virgin Gallery, Kredouw Farm

Maart 2013

17 – 24 Maart: Biblioteekweek 2013

April 2013

20 April: Witblits/potjiesaad, Fransie Pienaar Museum

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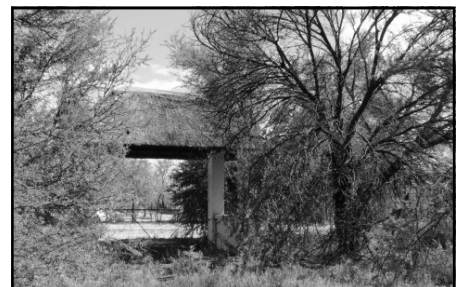
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Brett the Vet - Slay Dragon: Tackle Snake

So 2012 has come and gone. Another year commences and we can all breathe a sigh of relief, rapture, or resignation that life will go on regardless in its messy, haphazard progression despite the presumed failure of a faux chattering class cataclysm. There is, however, a true feeling of renewal, tangible for those who refuse to give in to the realities of destruction of the world as we know it. We only have to look to the other animal species that demonstrate remarkable perseverance, whether they are living in green fields of heaven or hellish incarceration.

Those who have time and headspace to read this will rest assured that we still exist in a bounteous, productive and supportive place, reinforced by selective tuning of our deceptive senses. We are appeased by our ritualistic customs for facilitating the expression of emotion. Arranged celebration, jollity, reverence, protest, mourning, and relaxation, are essentially human habits compared to the spontaneity of similar responses in the rest of the animal kingdom.

You have just shopped at the local supermarket where almost everything your heart desires finds its way into one of the trolleys provided for big spending. The bulk is non-essentials such as toilet paper, cleaning products, fruit juice, coffee, magazines, biscuits, stuff the majority of people in town wouldn't even consider and therefore don't even see, ignored much in the same way that some animals are left to suffer. Nevertheless, things many of us can't live without, including the remains of dead animals, fill the bags, pack the car, and accumulate in the fridge and pantry. At the axis glimmers of the other side threaten to burst the fragile bubbles of perceived worlds in the gauntlet between cashier and private mobile oven that can whisk you quickly away to the cool oasis behind the walls (previously hedgerows), under the trees, comforted by a semblance of exclusivity.

Just as applicant number five hundred and eighty four has registered as unemployed in order to receive a meagre sum that barely feeds the family and a bad habit, a series of champagne corks pop marking an arbitrary date in the universe. Now a

regulated starting point for new beginnings, inclusivity, community, abundance, enlightenment, progress, promises, vision, and hope, all embarrassingly short lived through an obligatory display of bravado and fake determination. Transient solace settles when turning over the proverbial new leaf in a book of many pages. But long before the Ides of March the gym subscription gets shelved; the puppy is older, demanding, less cute, a nuisance; salads have gained flesh, loaves, and gravy; and good intentions give in graciously to convenient collapse syndrome.

The shining concept of renewal sparkles like a jewel in murky quagmire status quo. While attempting to identify what truly transcends the barriers towards positive, inclusive and life-affirming action, nature is our only inspiration. The water snake emerging from its old skin a bigger, bolder, more intense and focused being. Or even more radically, the butterfly that undergoes a complete transformation of body and mind, diet, movement style, sexuality, and defies all that it assumed to be true, notwithstanding the law of

gravity. Like the moulting of feathers or fur in higher animals, sometimes the process is slower, but the shedding of the old, and the welcoming of the new provides vigour and expectation that we will triumph though the shift into a pristine paradigm of a brighter future for the residents of planet earth.

Our current Gregorian calendar year was later a unilateral decision designed to facilitate Northern Hemisphere behaviour patterns by officially ending at the lowest ebb of winter so that people could enjoy a momentary blip of elation during the prolonged period of natural slowing down that brings about retreat from worldly activities. This cold yet cosy contemplation time suited to refocusing becomes the embodiment of emerging spring. Whilst here in the south, frustration from enforced disruption of searing summer enterprise midst the seasonal bounty recurs like a nightmare. And again, as the birds and wild creatures withdraw into the balmy shadows at midday, we cringe for doomed domestic animals languishing in the blazing sunshine because nobody has bothered to plant trees or rig up shade cloth.



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PRICE: R950 000

Nestled in Klip street and with sublime views of the western slopes of town (on a 840 SQM erf), this solid, secure property makes for a typical 'lock-up-and-go' home. Surrounded by an indigenous garden with north facing courtyard, it has 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, open plan air-conditioned kitchen and split level dining room and lounge.



PRICE: R990 000

Perched on a 870 SQM erf, this delightful, eclectic little house is reminiscent of Prince Albert before our time. It exudes cosiness and charm, calling out for a new lease on life. The kitchen has a wood-burning stove, flanked by a lounge/dining room, and three bedrooms and a bathroom. Clichés aside; a renovator's dream home in the Karoo.



PRICE: R1 490 000

Perched on 2 adjacent erfs (972- and 929 SQM respectively) on the eastern outskirts of town with indigenous garden and sheltered stoep, this is an ideal country home. There are 3 comfortable bedrooms, 2 bathrooms, and lounge and dining room. The spacious outbuildings with 2 garages attached add valuable space to this sizable property.



NEW

PRICE: R1 895 000

This home has it all. Settled in the quaint and historic Queeekvalley with glorious views of the imposing Swartberg from two shaded verandahs, there is also the lure of a swimming pool in the irrigated garden. It has 3 bedrooms, two bathrooms plus a handy studio - and a double garage on an erf measuring 882 SQM.



PRICE: R2 500 000

This well-maintained property has a lot going for it. The large, fertile (yet manageable 2619 SQM) erf has two boreholes. The spacious and solid house, fitted throughout with durable wall-to-wall carpets, has 3 bedrooms, dining room, lounge, tv room, informal lounge and bathroom with separate toilet. Also double garage and large carport.



Ria Steyn

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Prince Albert se Toerismeburo spog met 'n nuwe baadjie



Die Toerismeburo se Zelia Mullins met Marietjie Vermeulen van Robin's Nest (Foto: Toerismeburo)

Prince Albert is omtrent in die kollig! Skaars is die Kwêla-kroon op ons kop as Wes-Kaapse Wendorp, of KykNET se nuwe kookprogram *Kokke-door* word hier verfilm... G'n wonder die Uitvoerende Bestuur van die Toerismeburo het gevoel dis tyd om die kantoor te verfraai nie.

Marietjie Vermeulen van Robin's Nest in Oudtshoorn is genader om te kom help. Die fondse was min en ons behoeftes groot. Nietemin het sy die uitdaging dadelik aanvaar met die woorde: "Dit sal vir my 'n voorreg wees om dit vir julle dorp te kom doen. Daar is so baie Prince Alberters vir wie ek al werk gedoen het en wat my ondersteun."

Met aalwyne en die kleure van die Karoo as inspirasie, het Marietjie energie aan die werk gespring. Met haar insette het ons herwin waar ons kon, gevef, verskuiwings gemaak en ou goed uitgegooi of verkoop... en nuut aangekoop. Vele hande maak ligte werk, en ons nuwe kantoor was betyds klaar en gereed vir die seisoentoestroming!

Vir Marietjie se gratis werk kan ons haar nie hoog genoeg prys nie en vir haar skenking van die koffietafel en blindings, kan ons haar nooit te veel

bedank nie. Ons is ook dankbaar vir al ons dorpsmense wat gratis tyd, raad en hulp afgestaan het vir die projek:

Ria Steyn van Dennehof het help planne maak en 'n ruim verfborgskap en twee mooi potte geskenk, terwyl Rai Verran baie netjiese houtwerk gedoen het. Thinus Meiring van Home Hardware se raad en daad het handig te pas gekom; Jan Marais het Zelia se lessenaar herstel en Imke Maeyer en Jeremia Prens het meubels gevef...

Plank van Zyl het die telefoondrade verleng na ons tydelike kantoor terwyl Niël Koegelenberg van Niëcor nuwe ligte (geborg deur Hestie Fourie en Johan Senekal) geïnstalleer en die lugversorger gediens het - wat nou weer werk soos 'n nuwe een!

Dorrien Tissiman van Malachite Nursery het twee pragtige aalwyne geskenk, waarvoor Reinwald Dedekind grond aangery het, Marelize Vorster gruis klip gebring en Sue Dean kompos aangedra het.

Terwyl Miems Theron die gastehanddoeke baie keurig borduur het, het Tobie Gous van Pal Security die alarm herbedraad...

The transformation was just amazing! We now boast a welcoming cool Karoo office – and the compliments are so positive that Zelia says she is working with renewed energy and lots of smiles.

Marietjie Vermeulen has been the face behind Robins's Nest Interiors in Oudtshoorn for the last thirteen years. She considers every client (even those with the tiniest budget) important.

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- Elise Senekal -

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R 1,3m

Superb value for money in this well maintained old home. Three beds, family bathroom and lovely kitchen with Dover stove. Large sitting room, additional study area, and wonderful garden of 2000m² with borehole—fruit trees and veggie garden! Double garage and stone and iron garden shed.



R 1.2m

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R 1,3m

Superb rural land on the fringe of town overlooking farm lands to distant Karoo vistas! Water mains installed and trees planted!

R 4m

Fabulous 50ha lifestyle retreat just out of town. Very comfortable farmhouse with three bedrooms, large farm style kitchen with fireplace, and sheltered outdoor entertainment areas. Nestling in the mountains, the property faces onto the Oukloof dam, which offers fishing, boating and bird watching opportunities. Exceptional privacy!



R 339 000

Super plot with established shrubs and vines in quiet street. House plans already drawn and available!

PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 01/2013****VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING****VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****RESTANT ERF 3, WATERKOP, PRINS ALBERT
MNR. A MIRCK**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van die volgende Gastehuis Eienaar ontvang het vir 'n Afwyking van die dorpsaanlegskema.

Naam: Mr. A Mirck
Adres: Restant Erf 3, Waterkop, Prins Albert
Doel van aansoek: Bedryf van 'n gastehuis

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 22 FEBRUARIE 2013** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 01/2013****PROPOSED DEPARTURE****OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****REMAINDER ERF 3, WATERKOP, PRINCE ALBERT
MR. A MIRCK**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from the following Guest House Owner for Departure from the Town Planning scheme.

Name: Mr. A Mirck
Address: Remainder Erf 3, Waterkop, Prince Albert
Reason for application: To practice a guest house

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY 2013**.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 02/2013****VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING****VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA****ERF 842, LUTTIGSTRAAT 2, PRINS ALBERT**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **ME. T A SWANEPOEL (ALBERT COLLEGE)** ontvang het vir 'n **AFWYKING** van die Dorpsaanlegskema vir die **BEDRYF VAN 'N PRIVAAT HUISSKOOL te LUTTIGSTRAAT 2, PRINS ALBERT**.

Naam: Me. TA Swanepoel (Albert College)
Adres: Luttigstraat 2, Prins Albert
Erf no: Erf 842
Doel van Aansoek: Bedryf van 'n privaat Huisskool

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYDAG, 22 FEBRUARIE 2013** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 02/2013****PROPOSED DEPARTURE****OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME****ERF 842, 2 LUTTIG STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **MS. T A SWANEPOEL (ALBERT COLLEGE)** for **DEPARTURE** from the Town Planning scheme for a **PRIVATE HOME SCHOOL at 2 LUTTIG STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Name: Ms. TA Swanepoel (Albert College)
Address: 2 Luttig Street, Prince Albert
Erf no: Erf 842
Reason for application: Private home school

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objections, if any, to the proposal together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2013**.

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Prince Albert: Most Improved Municipality in the Western Cape



Officials in the Municipality's Finance Department:
Back (l to r) Enrico Meganie, Shirley Windvoel, Emile Korff, Jaylin Campher en Burnett May.
Front (l to r) Jannie Neethling and Heinrich Mettler, Municipal Manager (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

The Auditor General has rewarded the Prince Albert Municipality's achievements in improving its financial management by giving it the *Most Improved Medium Capacity Municipality in the Western Cape* award. This follows the unqualified audit report the Municipality received for the 2011 – 2012 financial year. Only two years ago the Auditor General issued a disclaimer because of the Municipality's poor or non-existent financial records.

Municipal Manager, Heinrich Mettler, told the *Friend* that he was pleased with the Municipal financial team's efforts. "We did what we set out to do. Firstly we met our predetermined objectives and our budget was spent correctly in delivering services and meeting the strategic objectives we had set ourselves ahead of time. Only eleven municipalities of the 30 in the Western Cape achieved this. Then we complied with laws and regulations and finally, we followed correct procedures and our financial statements reflect this."

Mettler said that the Municipality had made a commitment to the Premier of the Western Cape that it would achieve

a clean audit in 2014/2015.

The Auditor-General was concerned that the Municipality did not have an internal audit unit and noted that it was critical to invest in one. Mettler said that a shared services plan had been put in place for one internal audit unit that would serve the four municipalities of the Central Karoo. Funds were currently being raised

to finance the unit.

Mettler paid credit to the Council for creating an atmosphere in which the administration could get on and do what it had to do to improve financial management. "Council plays a good oversight role and keeps us on our toes. At the same time the councillors make quick decisions, put aside political differences when needed and always put Prince Albert first."

He paid tribute to Jannie Neethling and his leadership of the Finance Department and also to Pedro Oliphant who administers the service delivery implementation programme.

Mettler told the *Friend* that 2013 would be the "Year of Professionalism" for the Prince Albert Municipality. "In 2012, we set out to prove that we could deliver. This year we will do what we did last year and aim to be more professional. We will not make outrageous promises that we cannot fulfil, but we will offer the best services we can for the betterment of the community."

- Linda Jaquet -

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Op 24 Desember 2012 het Kersvader weer getrou sy geskenke kom aflewer by Hooggenoeg.

Hierdie keer was dit die jongste Rossouw-kleinkind, Herman, se eerste Kersfees. Presies 20 jaar gelede het hy die oudste Rossouw-kleinkind, Willem, se eerste Kersfees ook opgevolg.

Ouma Alta en haar kinders wil vir Kersvader baie, baie dankie sê vir sy getroue diens gedurende die 20 jaar. Ons weet dis groot opoffering elke keer – ná ons was daar nog vyf besoeke!

Dankie dat jy elke keer as ons vra, maar weer gewillig is om ons te besoek. Ons sal nog so ses jaar 'n Kersvader benodig. As jy wil aftree, moet jy asseblief 'n opvolger aanstel, want Kersfees in Prince Albert is ondenkbaar sonder ons Kersvader.

Nogmaals baie dankie Kersvader.



Agter vlnr: Rossouw du Toit, Jan-Hendrik Rossouw, Carien en Willie Roussouw
Voor: Oudste kleinkind Willem du Toit met die jongste kleinkind, Herman Roussouw, langs Kersvader

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A Great Christmas Party



Three young partygoers (Photo: Marcelle Wijnberg)

On 24 December 2012 a Christmas party was held for 250 of Prince Albert's underprivileged children. BADISA identified children below the age of ten, who were most in need of festive cheer. On the day, they all streamed to the VG Kerk hall, blissfully unaware of the drizzle and overcast weather. Colourfully dressed face painters, Michy, Dustin, Ryan and Kenneth met the children at the door and got the party mood started by decorating their faces. Then it was time for the fun to begin!

Hekkie, Oupa and Suzanne entertained the children, who enjoyed a sandwich, juice and fruit to keep their energy up. No Christmas party would be complete without a visit from Father Christmas! Despite the rain, he managed to make it to the hall with a present of a toothbrush and toothpaste, facecloth and soap for every child. At the sight of the 21st century Father Christmas wearing designer *tekkies* and aviator sunglasses, the children screamed so loudly that it seemed that the roof might lift off!

Then it was time for the Christmas meal. Children lined up for a steaming plate of potjiekos with rice and for the first time, the hall fell silent. The day ended with an ice cream cone, which thanks to the cool weather did not melt instantly. Children licked out the ice-cream cone with obvious pleasure.

The Christmas party put a smile on many of the children's faces and for a few hours they enjoyed carefree fun and feeling special.

The day would not have been possible without the generosity and assistance of many people. Not only were there monetary donations, but generous residents also contributed in kind. A grand total of R4,775 was raised which was used to purchase the meal's ingredients and the presents.

Thank you to the following individuals for their contributions and support: Philip and Marijke Badenhorst, Annette Coetzee, Sandra Meyer, Monica and Peter Gibson, Therese Droste, Mark and Ronelle Wijnberg, Lud de Bruijn, Chantal Hounsom-Schoeman, Shui-lyn White, Liesie Kotze, Sally Arnold, Brett Bard, Lisa Smith, Anthony and Zelia Mullins, JP Meyer, Ilse Schutten, Mai Shallow, Reinie Smit, Frances Van Hasselt, John and Ann Whitton, Colleen Penfold, the Thursday Group, Karoo Slaghuys, OK Grocer, Vrisgewaagd, Rynhardt van Onselen, BADISA, Pick a Piece, VG Kerk, Hester Piedt and Treintjie Coetzee

For their help on the day, thanks to Charmoney, Charmonetha, Edwina, Bongani, Pikkies, Michy, Dustin, Ryan, Kenneth, Gavin, Hekkie, Oupa, Jeff, Eveline, Suzanne, Fernanda, Hester, Treintjie and several of the parents of the children. Finally, thank you to Romy Matthews for taking beautiful photos of the memorable event.

Here's hoping that the Children's Christmas party becomes a Prince Albert tradition, growing in strength from year to year.

- Marcelle Wijnberg -

'Real' mail for your Valentine

The South African Post Office is encouraging romantic South Africans to use the postal service for Valentine's Day.

"A card or letter for Valentine's Day is the best possible gift for a loved one some distance away," said Janras Kotsi, head of Mail Business at the SA Post Office. "A letter or card sent by a loved one must be one of the best surprises anyone can get."

Did you know that a letter bearing a stamp has a 50% bigger chance of being opened first (or at all) than one without a stamp? Why? Because it is perceived that a person actually took time and effort to sit down and write it!

Kotsi said a card or letter is easy to keep and will not be deleted or lost when a phone is upgraded or a hard disk crashes. "It will outlast flowers, it takes up very little storage space and when you reread it years later, it will evoke more memories than any other keepsake." He added that mail is more romantic than social media because you can neither spray social media with aftershave or perfume nor kiss it with lipstick.

Kotsi also pointed out that a letter makes a particularly affordable gift for Valentine's day: "A standard letter costs only R2,65 in postage, but it remains appropriate for Valentine's day which focuses on emotion and feeling, not financial value. Customers should make sure that they use the right address and postcode, which can be looked up on line at www.postoffice.co.za."

"Remember we can create personal memories, strengthen existing relations and even create new relationships by sending someone a personalised card or message for Valentine's Day," Kotsi concluded.



Veld-Ram Auction at Willowmore

Van Hasselt and Guest Sellers



Gay van Hasselt, seen here examining Lot No.40 prior to the Willowmore Auction, is the only qualified woman judge of Angoras in SA (Photo: Barbara Castle)



Day before the auction - final 'classing'
(Photo: Barbara Castle)

Another wonderful thing about retiring to the country is that instead of your world shrinking it expands. Take mohair and Angora goats for example.

Just a few years ago I thought Angoras were rabbits and that mohair was used in carpets. But today I know that the Angora is the Rolls Royce of goats. That South Africa produces more than 60% of the world's mohair. That we are acknowledged as the most reliable source of mohair. And that we consistently produce the best quality mohair in the world.

I know all this because I was lucky enough to accompany Gay van Hasselt to a Veld-Ram sale in Willowmore recently. And overnight learnt more about Angoras and the Veld-Ram Club concept than I ever thought possible.

The aim of the Veld-Ram Club is to allow "objective selection of genetically superior animals."

The way it works is that animals from different studs are run together, on the same veld, under a Flock Master. Here, for six months, they all receive the same treatment, experience the same environmental hardships and are subject to two 'classings' at which those not meeting breed standards are rejected. Farmers pay

a non-refundable fee for each ram submitted which discourages the submission of inferior stock.

It is a concept that is actively supported by Gay and is in line with her late husband Clive's breeding policy of producing a long-bodied, larger ram. One that can walk to find its food, has a greater capacity for defending itself, throws stronger kids with the potential for producing more milk and, consequently with better mothering qualities.

All the goats for this particular sale were run in the Baviaanskloof veld under the experienced eye of flock master, and 2011 *Landbou Farmer of the Year*, Barries Snijman. On intake 115 rams from six different studs were all weighed, microns* sent away for independent testing and each ram individually judged or 'classed' by a qualified Agent or Inspector.

Then the rams were shorn and turned out together, effectively becoming Snijman's responsibility (for dipping, dosing and veld management) for the next six months.

The rams then had their weight and microns measured again along with the length of their newly-grown fleece

(as measured at the middle rib). The accumulated data were published in a comprehensive booklet available the day before the sale giving each ram's details, lot number, and the breeder's name.

On the morning of the sale all the rams were staked out individually so that buyers could examine them more closely. Then, using the information contained in the booklet, they could focus on economic factors (growth, microns, length of fleece, etc) to select the ram that best suited their specific production requirements. "It is a far better way," says van Hasselt, "to purchase genetically genuine stock than by having to second-guess an animal that has been 'window-dressed' for showing purposes."

Of the 115 rams submitted from the FE Colborne, Hobson, Short and van Hasselt studs three died, three were kept back and 33 were rejected.

So if you want to fully experience the rural community in which we live take yourself off to an Auction. It is sure to be something you will never forget!

* A micron (1/25,400 of an inch) is the measurement used to express the diameter of a wool fibre. The lower the micron, the finer the fibre and more valuable the fleece.

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Prince Albert's New Soccer Fields

Prince Albert's Executive Mayor, Cllr Goliath Lottering, has had a dream come true. For many years he has been involved with the Stars Football Club. He is currently President of the Prince Albert Local Football Association and also a member of the SAFA Central Karoo Regional Executive.

Mayor Lottering has always championed soccer and encouraged youngsters to play the game. Energetic youth needs a healthy way of letting off steam. The Mayor quoted the Department of Sport saying: "A child in sport is a child out of court." Now there is a new soccer practice ground for use by local men's and women's teams, and providing an oppor-

tunity for practice, recreation and the blossoming of future champions.


The bright green vibracrete walls of the new ground in the North End close to the main road can hardly be missed by residents and visitors. Its construction has been observed and commented on at length. The old gravel playing field was upgraded to a modern soccer field with funding from a Municipal Infrastructure Grant (MIG) from Government, in a rather unusual way. The grant was made available for the upgrading of the sewage works, but when it was discovered that an unlicensed sewage works could not be upgraded, and our sewage plant was not licensed at the time, the funding was hastily switched to another project

on the Integrated Development Plan wishlist. Because a grant not used has to be returned to Government. (Licencing of the sewage works is currently being dealt with.)


Consulting engineers, Aurecon, were brought in for preliminary work and after tenders were evaluated the job was given to Benver Civils and Plant Hire from Knysna. They began work on the fields in May last year. The project will cost close to R1,8 million and is expected to be completed by late February or early March of this year. Included in the work is a spectator stand, instant lawn from a farm near Dysselsdorp, a section of road, an irrigation system and the bright green wall. Low-level practice lighting will soon be installed and the Municipality will be responsible for all maintenance.


Mayor Lottering explained that the Odendaal Sports Grounds, the current venue for both soccer and rugby, was being over-used and badly damaged as a result. It will continue to be used for

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(PARRA News... Continued from p 17)

matches and in time will be equipped with match-standard lighting.

The new sports field has not been without some controversy. An initial attempt to irrigate the grass with water taken directly from the North End main supply line was unsuccessful. A trench was then dug and a pipeline laid from the Odenaal Sports Grounds to bring borehole water to the new field. Tenders have gone out for the drilling of a dedicated borehole for the new soccer field and at some time in the future treated water from the sewage works may be piped up to the field to supplement the borehole.

Aurecon, which has a three-year contract with the Municipality, has been assisting in fine-tuning the management of boreholes and water matters in general, in Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka and Klaarstroom, where the water situation was becoming critical. Aurecon said that by the end of their contract they will have established a sound plan for the Municipality's water which must be maintained thereafter.



Prince Albert's new practice sports fields (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

The irrigation system on the new ground appears cumbersome. Eight 'arms' of irrigation piping have to be laid out farm-style across the field and operated two at a time. When the watering is finished they all have to be removed, packed away and secured. All of which makes it labour intensive and a demanding process. (Some form of water cannon may have been preferable.

A third phase in the upgrading of the local sports facilities will be another sports

ground of match specifications. This will possibly have an athletics track and bowling green with lighting; but only after adequate water and electricity is assured. The new soccer ground, yet to be named, will undoubtedly be a great amenity for the town.

When the third field is added, Mayor Lottering tells us, big soccer tournaments could be held on a regular basis.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 03/2013****AANSOEK OM VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK
ERF 1836, PASTORIE STRAAT 13, PRINS ALBERT
RIVER MANOR
BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND SPA (EDMS) BPK**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Item 4.7 van die Artikel 8 Regulasies uitgevaardig in terme van die Ordonnansie op Grondgebruikbeplanning, 1985 (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **RIVER MANOR BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND SPA (EDMS) BPK** ontvang het vir **VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK** om die huidige motorhuis te omskep in 'n tweede wooneenheid / kothuis te **ERF 1836, PASTORIE STRAAT 13, PRINS ALBERT**.

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstelle, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYPDAG, 22 FEBRUARIE 2012** bereik.

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| Munisipale Kantoor | HFW METTLER |
| Privaatsak X53 | MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER |
| PRINS ALBERT | 15 Januarie 2013 |
| 6930 | Tel. (023) 541-1320 |

PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 03/2013****APPLICATION FOR CONSENT USE
ERF 1836, 13 PASTORIE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
RIVER MANOR
BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND SPA (PTY) LTD**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Item 4.7 of the Section 8 Regulations promulgated under the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985) that the Council has received an application from **RIVER MANOR BOUTIQUE HOTEL AND SPA (PTY) LTD** for **CONSENT USE** to **RENOVATE THE CURRENT GARAGE BUILDING INTO A SECOND DWELLING / COTTAGE** at **ERF 1836, 13 PASTORIE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposals together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2013**.

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| Municipal Offices | HFW METTLER |
| Private Bag X53 | MUNICIPAL MANAGER |
| PRINCE ALBERT | 15 January 2013 |
| 6930 | Tel. (023) 541-1320 |

PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NOMMER 08/2013****VOORGESTELDE AFWYKING
VAN DORPSAANLEGSKEMA
ERF 274, NUWESTRAAT 53, PRINS ALBERT
MNR. JOHAN JACOBUS SENEKAL**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikel 15(1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **MNR. JOHAN JACOBUS SENEKAL** ontvang het vir 'n **AFWYKING** van die Dorpsaanlegskema vir die **BEDRYF VAN 'N SELFSORG GASTEHUIS** te **NUWESTRAAT 53, PRINS ALBERT**.

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| Naam: | Mnr. Johan Jacobus Senekal |
| Adres: | Nuwestraat 53, Prins Albert |
| Erf no: | Erf 274 |
| Doel van aansoek: | Bedryf van 'n selfsorg gastehuis |

Nadere besonderhede lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Kerkstraat 33, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstel, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYPDAG, 22 FEBRUARIE 2013** bereik.

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| Munisipale Kantoor | HFW METTLER |
| Privaatsak X53 | MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER |
| PRINS ALBERT | 18 Januarie 2013 |
| 6930 | Tel. (023) 541-1320 |

PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NUMBER 08/2013****PROPOSED DEPARTURE OF
TOWN PLANNING SCHEME
ERF 274, 53 NUWE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
MR. JOHAN JACOBUS SENEKAL**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that the Council has received an application from **MR. JOHAN JACOBUS SENEKAL** for **DEPARTURE** from the Town Planning scheme to **PRACTICE A SELF-CATERING GUESTHOUSE** at **53 NUWE STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

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| Name: | Mr. Johan Jacobus Senekal |
| Address: | 53 Nuwe Street, Prince Albert |
| Erf no: | Erf 274 |
| Reason for application: | To practice a self-catering guesthouse |

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposals together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2013**.

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| Private Bag X53 | MUNICIPAL MANAGER |
| PRINCE ALBERT | 18 January 2013 |
| 6930 | Tel. (023) 541-1320 |

Volstruisvlei Development: *Quo Vadis?*

P&A Fruit Farms (Pty) Ltd has withdrawn its application for the Volstruisvlei development that it handed in at the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning on 24 November 2011. The proposed development provided for gap housing, a business site and a community facility on Prince Albert's current golf course, owned by the Prince Albert Golf Club. A new nine-hole golf course, 175 private homes and recreation facilities had been planned for the farm, Volstruisvlei, on the north-eastern edge of the town. Farming would have continued on some parcels of land on the proposed new golf course.

Residents of Prince Albert who registered as Interested and Affected Parties were surprised to learn on 17 January 2013 of the decision from Marion Schaaf of Sharples Environmental Services in George. This company was appointed by P & A Fruit Farms (Pty) Ltd to conduct the environmental impact assessment process for the Volstruisvlei development as required by law.

Approached for clarification by the *Friend*, Marion Schaaf replied: "The Prince Albert Golf Club no longer wishes to have relocation of the existing Karoo golf course to a more suitable site considered to be part of a larger project. This was never the Golf Club's wish, intention or objective and it will henceforth chart its own course. Due to circumstances, the landowners also had to rethink their position and the size of the application."

On Monday, 28 January 2013, the developer issued the following statement to the *Friend*:

"The integrated development that would have seen the existing golf course relocated, the site of the old golf course made available to the town for future expansion and a residential development away from the historical core of the town has been abandoned.

All the members of the local golf club ever wanted was to move their golf course to a more suitable location. It was always their wish that it would still be a Karoo Golf Course with minimal green-
ing – that, after all, is what makes play-

ing golf in Prince Albert special. They never signed up for a polemic about housing developments or what would happen to the old golf course site. An alternative arrangement is being made for an area of private grazing land to be used to also play golf on.

The owners of the Volstruisvlei properties are also reconsidering their position. They hold multiple Title Deeds and are entitled to construct primary and secondary residences as well as workers' accommodation on each of them without having to fight with anyone and could then sell them off separately. Any influence the town's community may have had on building styles or the protection of the town's vista has, sadly, now been lost.

No decision has been taken about the future of the existing golf course site although it seems most likely that it will be sold out of hand for the future owners to do with as they please. Whether they will be sensitive to the town's needs remains to be seen.

Die geïntegreerde ontwikkelingsvoorstel soos ingedien by die Provinsie is teruggetrek omdat 'n handjievol inwoners dit duidelik gemaak het dat hulle heftig daarteen gekant is, al is presies wat beoog word nog nie eens bekend gemaak nie. Die gevolg is dat die plan om op die ou gholfbaanterrein 'n koppelvoorstad waar onder andere bekostigbare middelklaswonings opgerig sou kon word, verlore is, en dat die werksgeleenthede wat daarmee gepaard sou gaan ook nie gaan realiseer nie.

Vir die meeste van sy inwoners is Prince Albert 'n werkende, groeiende dorp met 'n allemintige behoefte aan behuising en werkskepping. Die dorp gaan daardie behoeftes op die een of ander manier moet aanspreek."

- Linda Jaquet -

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Uit die pen van 'n Vrystater



Graig en Suegnette Mills (née Luttig) (Foto: Danie Rossouw)

Die Luttig familie is al geslagte in Prince Albert. Ken jy die dorp se geskiedenis sal jy sien die Luttigs het nie net diep spore hier getrap nie, nee hulle is gewortel in die Karoogrond. Hul insette en bydrae vloei deur baie organisasies se are. Familie, geskiedenis en goeie samesyn het dus nog altyd 'n groot rol gespeel in dié familie.

2013 was nog 'n groot mylpaal vir die Luttigs. Beide die twee broers, Samie en Carl, se seuns se eersgeborenes maak hul verskyning. Om die waarheid te sê, die vyfde geslag SPS Luttig se dogter, Mienke Marlese word gebore. Mienke is 'n groot opgewondenheid en 'n mens kan sien dat hierdie blouoog krulkop weet hoe om groot manne se harte sag te maak

Vir die Luttigs is familie belangrik. Dalk omdat hegte bande van jongs af gesmee is, of dalk omdat bloed dikker is as water? Samie (snr SPS Luttig) se jonger broer, Carl Rabie Luttig, en sy familie woon al vir 20 jaar in Australië. Tog is en bly dit vir hulle belangrik om altyd terug te keer na hul geboorteland, na familie en na goeie samesyn. Toe Carl en Tuku se oudste dogter Suegnette haar trouman, Craig Mills, ontmoet, was

die enigste plek vir haar om te trou Prince Albert. En nog belangriker, die enigste plek vir die onthaal, Drie Riviere se ou Kelder.

Baie reëlins moes getref word. Vriende en familie moes ingevlieg word vanaf Australië. Verblyf moes gereël word en die belangrikste, 'n tweetalige troue moes plaasvind! Die CCA 1 Ford van De Wet Luttig moes afgestof word sodat die bruidspaar spoggerig in tradisie by die kerk kon opdaag.

Of dit nou 'n troue of net gewone onthaal is, niks is en was al ooit te veel moeite vir my ma Johanna, en daar is bontgestaan om die familie en Australiese vriende te vermaak. Daar is uitgehang en soos altyd was vriende bereid om te help, hetsy dit nou verblyf by De Wet Luttig of vriendin Michelle is.

By die buurman Rynard Botes is wild besigtig en die Australiërs is met 'n sundowner op die stoep traktee. By Madri en Danie op Waterkop (Samie se dogter) het Dawie vir almal 'n heerlike pot maak en die dag na die troue het Faan de Wit 'n onvergeetlike skaap op die spit gebräai.

Daar is baie gekuier, laat gekuier, baie geëet, goeie wyn gedrink en ek dink die beste deel van alles is dat vriende en familie 'n onvergeetlike tyd saam kon geniet. Die hele Luttig familie was teenwoordig, kinders en kleinkinders ingesluit.

Vir my, dogter van Samie en Johanna Luttig is dit lekker om te sê ek is 'n Luttig en ek kom uit die Karoo. Vir drie weke kon ek saam met die familie kuier en hoewel ek nou 'n Vrystater is sal die Karoo en my familie my altyd na aan die hart lê. Vir die van julle wat hier woon, geniet die mooi sonsondergange, lekker vriende maar die belangrikste geniet jou familie...

- Liané Rautenbach (Luttig) -

AANKONDIGING

Prince Albert Sakekamer

ALGEMENE JAARVERGADERING

Woensdag 13de Maart 2013
12:00 (middag)
Swarthberg Hotel
Prince Albert

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NOTICE

Prince Albert Chamber of Commerce

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 13th March 2013
12:00 (midday)
Swarthberg Hotel
Prince Albert

Everyone with business interests is
welcome to attend

KENNISGEWING VAN VEILING VAN LOS BATES VAN MNR FRANS BOTMA**OP SATERDAG 2 MAART 2013****TYD: 10h00****PLEK: KLIPSTRAAT 16, PRINS ALBERT**

In opdrag van Mnr Botma word Ewert van Zyl van Markotter Prokureurs gemagtig om die onderstaande los bates te verkoop:

Kombuis Toebehore, Yskas, Elektriese Stoof, Gasstoof, Eetkamer tafel met 6 stoele en Buffetkas, Mikrogolf, Televisie x 2, Sitkamerstel, Koffietafels, Hangkaste, Beddens met matrasse x 4, Spieëltafels, Wasmasjien, Waaier, Geweerkluis, Fiets, Tuingereedskap, Bougereedskap.

Motorvoertuig: Mazda bakkie 77 Model 1000cc

Vir verdere besonderhede kontak die Afslaer:

Ewert van Zyl
MARKOTTER PROKUREURS
KERKSTRAAT 39
PRINS ALBERT
TELEFOON: 023 5411 400/312

Voorwaardes sal by die bogenoemde veiling uitgelees word - slegs kontant en tjeks, geen deposito.

NOTICE OF AUCTION OF MOVEABLE ASSETS OF MNR FRANS BOTMA**ON SATURDAY 2 MARCH 2013****TIME: 10h00****AT: 16 KLIP STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**

On instructions of Mr Botma, Ewert van Zyl of Markotter Attorneys is selling the following moveable assets:

Kitchen Appliances, Fridge, Electric Stove, Gas Stove, Dining Table with 6 chairs and buffet cabinet, Microwave, TV x 2, Lounge chairs, Coffee tables, Wardrobes, Dressing-Tables, Beds and mattresses x 4, Washing Machine, Fan, Gun Safe, Bicycle, Garden Tools, Building Tools.

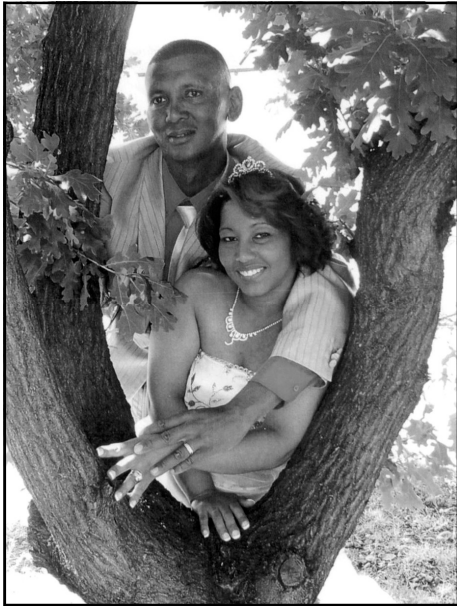
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Conditions of sale will be given at auction. Only cash and cheques, no deposit.

Moos-troue bring groot vreugde



Yolanda en Jacques op hul troudag

Op 22 Desember 2012 het Jacques Moos, seun van Bettie en Jacobus Lekay, in die St John's Kerk in die huwelik getree met Yolanda Willemsse, dogter van Maria en John Briesies.

Jacques en Yolanda het albei in Oudtshoorn by Môrester gematrikuleer. Jacques in 2000 en Yolanda in 2001. In dieselfde jaar wat Jacques sy skoolloopbaan voltooi het, het hy Yolanda ontmoet.

Die paartjie se verhouding het gegroei en in 2007 het Jacques sy een knie gebuig en Yolanda gevra: "Trou met my, asseblief?" Die antwoord was ja, maar die tyd was nog nie reg nie...

In 2012 het Jacques besluit hy is nou moeg van sy eenmansbestaan; dis tyd om die knoop deur te haak. Hul gesin bestaan uit hul tienjarige dogter, Juranda, en 'n seun, Jamile, nou een jaar oud.

Omtrent 300 familieleden en gaste het hierdie vreugdevolle dag met hulle gedeel en daar is heerlik gekuier saam met die "ou" pasgetroudes!

Baie geluk aan Jacques en Yolanda: Ons bedede is voorspoed op jul huwelikspad.

Huwelisklokkies vir Rebecca en Rodney



Rebecca en Rodney Rayners

Saterdag, 22 Desember 2012, het lieflik en sonnig aanbreek. 'n Dag waarna Rebecca Hendricks en Rodney Rayners uitgesien het, want dis die dag van hul troue.

Rebecca, 'n boorling van Prince Albert en 'n student in die Toerisme Ambassadeur

Program 2012-2013, is werksaam by die Swartberg Hotel waar sy opleiding ontvang. Haar eggenoot, Rodney, is werksaam by die Prince Albert Korrektiewe Dienste Sentrum en is oorspronklik van Port Elizabeth. Hy woon reeds drie en 'n half jaar in Prince Albert.

Hulle is om 12:00 in die AGS kerk te Prince Albert in die huwelik bevestig deur Pastoor Izaks. Dit het fyn beplanning gekos. Volgens die bruidspaar het dinge nie altyd klopdisselboom gegaan nie, daar was soms stresvolle tye, maar tog het die dag aangebreek en kon hulle uitsien na 'n baie spesiale seremonie en onthaal. Die onthaal is gehou in die landbou-skousaal te Prince Albert met sowat 80 gaste wat dit bygewoon het.

Die Rayners egpaar wil almal hartlik bedank wat behulpsaam was met die organisering van die dag en wat die dag so 'n genotvolle sukses gemaak het.

- Jeremia Prens -

R.I.P Phumzile Nofemela



Phumzile Nofemela sal vir sy glimlag onthou word

Op Sondag, 23 Desember 2012, word ons wreed ontnem van 'n dierbare vriend, kollega en vader. Phumzile Nofemela sterf op dié dag in 'n motorongeluk tussen Kreedouw en Klaarstroom, onderweg na Oudtshoorn waar sy verloofde, Naledi Mfuku, en seun op hom wag. Dit was 'n geweldige slag om hierdie uitmuntende man op so 'n wrede manier te verloor.

Phumzile Nofemela het in Maart 2007 as Korrektiewe Offisier by George Korrektiewe Dienste begin werk. In Julie 2009 aanvaar hy diens in die Finansiële Departement van Prince Albert Korrektiewe Dienste – waar hy altesaam drie jaar en ses maande werksaam was tot sy ontydige dood. Hy was 'n allemansvriend, altyd vol grappe - en sy mees uitsonderlike eienskap was die breë glimlag waarmee hy almal graag begroet het, ongeag sy gemoedstoestand.

Phumzile is as sy ouers se jongste kind op 5 Januarie 2013 ter aarde gelê in Queenstown se Ezibeline Township, Oos-Kaap. Hy laat sy verloofde, 'n seun, 'n dogter en 'n broer agter. Beslis is die leemte groot; ook het Prince Albert Korrektiewe Dienste 'n getroue staatmaker verloor.

Ons almal koester die goeie herinneringe wat hy nalaat.

- Christeline Esterhuizen -



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Regering**
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BETER. TESAME.

UITNODIGING OM LEDE VIR GESONDHEIDSFASILITEITSRADE TE BENOEM

Die ampstermyn van baie gesondheidsfasiliteitsrade by hospitale ("Rade"), wat in ooreenstemming met die Wes-Kaapse Wet op Gesondheidsfasiliteitsrade, 2001 (Wet 7 van 2001) ("die Wet") saamgestel is, verval in Februarie 2013. Die Provinsiale Minister van Gesondheid nooi dus hiermee gemeenskapsliggame of persone uit om persone te benoem om op nuutsaamgestelde Rade te dien.

Die Provinsiale Minister moet ingevolge artikel 6(1) van die Wet minstens agt en hoogstens veertien lede in 'n Raad aanstel, insluitend:

- (a) persone verteenwoordigend van 'n gemeenskap of gemeenskappe wat deur die gesondheidsfasiliteit bedien word;
- (b) minstens een persoon met tegniese kundigheid van die sakewêreld, die reg, finansies, rekeningkunde of 'n ander terrein wat met die funksies van die Raad verband hou;
- (c) die hoof van die hospitaal;
- (d) minstens een persoon verteenwoordigend van die kliniese personeel van die betrokke hospitaal, wat deur die kliniese personeel van daardie hospitaal benoem word;
- (e) minstens een persoon verteenwoordigend van die niekliniese personeel van die betrokke hospitaal, wat deur die niekliniese personeel van daardie hospitaal benoem word; en
- (f) in die geval van 'n hospitaal waar gesondheidsberoepslui opgelei word, minstens een persoon verteenwoordigend van akademiese belange en wat deur die Visekanselier van die betrokke universiteit benoem word.

Neem asseblief kennis dat die volgende hospitale 'n volle ledetal verels:

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- Citrusdal-hospitaal;
- Clanwilliam-hospitaal;
- DP Marais-hospitaal;
- Valsbaai-hospitaal;
- George-hospitaal;
- GF Jooste-hospitaal;
- Groote Schuur-hospitaal;
- Harry Comay-hospitaal;
- Helderberg-hospitaal;
- Hermanus-hospitaal;
- Karl Bremer-hospitaal;
- Knysna-hospitaal;
- LAPA Munnik-hospitaal;
- Malmesbury ID-hospitaal;
- Mitchells Plain-hospitaal;
- Montagu-hospitaal;
- Mosselbaai-hospitaal;
- Mowbray-Kraamhospitaal;
- Murraysburg-hospitaal;
- Nelspoort-hospitaal;
- Otto Du Plessis-hospitaal;
- Outdshoorn-hospitaal;
- Paarl-hospitaal;
- Prins Albert-hospitaal;
- Radie Kotze-hospital (Piketberg);
- Robertson-hospitaal;
- Rooi Kruis-oorloggedenk-hospitaal vir Kinders;
- Riversdal-hospitaal;
- Somerset-hospitaal;
- Stikland-hospitaal;
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- Valkenberg-hospitaal;
- Vredenburg-hospitaal;
- Vredendal-hospitaal;
- Wesfleur-hospitaal;
- Wes-Kaapse Rehabilitasiesentrum;
- Worcester-hospitaal.

Die volgende inligting word vir alle benoemdes vereis:

1. 'n Ondertekende afskrif van die benoemingsvorm;
 2. Die naam van die hospitaal waarvoor die benoeming gemaak word;
 3. Die volle naam en adres van die benoemde;
 4. 'n Ondertekende afskrif van die benoemde se curriculum vitae;
 5. Die motivering vir die oorweging van die benoemde as 'n geskikte lid van die Raad;
 6. 'n Verklaring deur die benoemde van sy of haar bereidwilligheid om 'n lid van die Raad te wees.
- Buiten die bogenoemde, vir benoemdes ingevolge artikel 6(1)(a) van die Wet, d.i. vir gemeenskapsverteenwoordigers, moet die volgende inligting die benoemings vergesel:
- (a) Die volle naam en adres van die gemeenskapsliggaam wat die kandidaat benoem, en 'n afskrif van die grondwet van die liggaam of 'n ander stigtingsdokument;
 - (b) 'n Aanduiding van of die benoemde 'n lid van die liggaam is wat die benoeming maak en, indien wel, die lengte van die benoemde se lidmaatskap, en indien die benoemde nie 'n lid is nie, hoekom die liggaam daardie persoon benoem.

Persone of liggame wat benoemings maak asook benoemdes moet asseblief op die volgende let:

- Die Provinsiale Minister van Gesondheid sal lede aanstel.
 - Die posisie van 'n lid in 'n Raad is vrywillig met geen besoldiging daaraan geheg nie.
- Lede van die Raad kan egter deur die Raad vergoed word vir sekere reis- en verblyfonkoste wat aangegaan is.

Benoemingsvorme is verkrygbaar by en kan afgelewer word by:

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Die sluitingsdatum vir alle benoemings is 28 Februarie 2013.

† Fieland 'Appels' Beukes 26/9/1960 ~ 18/1/2013



Appels in a happy moment at the Olive Festival

Along with everyone who has ever been involved with the *Prince Albert Friend*, I was shocked to hear of the sudden and tragic death of Appels on Friday afternoon, 18 January. Very few knew that he was born Fieland Beukes. We all called him Appels, as did his family, his friends and those who met him in passing when he delivered the *Friend* to their shops and homes.

I will remember Appels for his soft-spoken, polite and gentle ways; his loping walk and his smile and delight at meeting one in the street. He reminded me of the guy in David Kramer's song, *Royal Hotel*: "Ek ken mos vir almal, Ek is almal se pël."

Appels loved being a part of the *Friend*. He was very fond of the late Cornie Koen, the *Friend*'s administrator. I will never forget his genuine tears and concern when, desperately ill, Cornie left Prince Albert to be with her family in the North West province. Cornie and Appels had worked together for a good many years. She relied on him to deliver the newspaper, the accounts, and messages, and run errands. Yes, there were times when he irritated her, but Appels and the *Friend* went together like love and marriage and a horse and carriage.

In between times, he handed out brochures for *Pep* and *Lewis Stores* and worked as a gardener. He would disappear for a few weeks only to reappear out of the blue and announce that he had travelled to Johannesburg or some other part of the country to work. He would then remind us that he was ready and able to deliver the next edition of the paper as soon as it was ready.

Appels was born in Prince Albert and grew up at 146 Kronkel St, where his sister still lives. He did not complete high school and for most of his life did odd jobs. He leaves behind his sister and four brothers and his partner of 12 years, Mina Jaftha.

Totsiens, Appels, we will miss you.

- Linda Jaquet -



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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT

KENNISGEWING NOMMER 10/2013**AANSOEK OM VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK
& AFWYKING VAN DIE DORPSAANLEGSKEMA
ERF 572, DE BEERSTRAAT 4, PRINS ALBERT
H SMIT EN B WENZ**

Kennis geskied hiermee ingevolge Item 4.7 van die Artikel 8 Regulasies uitgevaardig in terme van die Ordonnansie op Grondgebruikbeplanning, 1985 (Ordonnansie 15 van 1985) en ingevolge Artikel 15 (1)(a)(ii) van Ordonnansie 15 van 1985 dat die Raad 'n aansoek van **H SMIT & B WENZ** ontvang het vir 'n **VERGUNNINGSGEBRUIK** om die huidige skuur op die erf te omskep in 'n Opleidingsentrum **EN AFWYKING** van die Dorpsaanlegskema vir die **BEDRYF VAN 'N OPLEIDINGSENTRUM** te **ERF 572, DE BEERSTRAAT 4, PRINS ALBERT**.

Besonderhede van die voorstel lê ter insae by die Munisipale Kantoor, Prins Albert, gedurende kantoor-ure.

Skriftelike besware, indien enige teen die voorstelle, tesame met redes, moet die ondergetekende voor of op **VRYPDAG, 22 FEBRUARIE 2012** bereik.

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PRINCE ALBERT MUNICIPALITY

NOTICE NUMBER 10/2013**APPLICATION FOR CONSENT USE AND DEPARTURE OF TOWN PLANNING SCHEME
ERF 572, 4 DE BEER STREET, PRINCE ALBERT
H SMIT AND B WENZ**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Item 4.7 of the Section 8 Regulations promulgated under the Land Use Planning Ordinance, 1985 (Ordinance 15 of 1985) AND in terms of Section 15(1)(a)(ii) of Ordinance 15 of 1985 that Council has received an application from **H SMIT & B WENZ** for **CONCENT USE** to **RENOVATE THE CURRENT BARN INTO A TRAINING CENTRE** and **DEPARTURE** from the Town Planning Scheme to **PRACTICE A TRAINING CENTRE** at **ERF 572, 4 DE BEER STREET, PRINCE ALBERT**.

Details of the proposal are available for inspection at the Municipal Offices, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Written objection, if any, to the proposals together with reasons, must be lodged with the undersigned not later than **FRIDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2013**.

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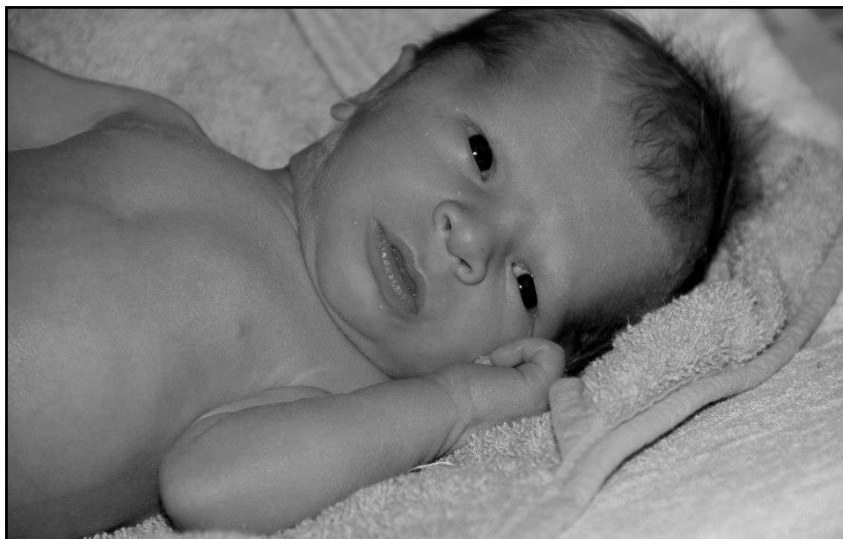
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Maryna en Jaco Olivier se dogtertjie, Capri

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Op 4 Januarie is Rene en Pieter Olivier se kroos van twee aangevul met 'n pragtige babaseun, Ben, wat 3,09kg geweeg het.

Ousus Annah begin byna gelyktydig met groot opgewondenheid die 'groot' skool en haar koshuis loopbaan in Oudtshoorn EN sy is gek daaroor; nou moet ouboet Juhan mamma Rene se helpertjie wees.

Dae later was hy weer daar, die keer met Maryna en Jaco Olivier se eersteling, 'n pragtige dogtertjie, Capri, wat op 7 Januarie gebore is en die skaal op 3,24kg getrek het.

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PRINS ALBERT MUNISIPALITEIT**KENNISGEWING NO 04/2013****TENDER - VOORGESTELDE VERVREEMDING
VAN MUNISIPALE VASTE EIENDOM**

Kennisgewing geskied hiermee ingevolge Artikels 21 en 21A van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering : Munisipale Stelsels, 2000 (Wet 32/2000), saamgelees met Regulasie 6 van die "Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations" R878/2008 en Artikel 40(3)(a) van die Voorsieningskanaal Beleid, dat die Plaaslike Raad van voorneme is om die volgende vaste munisipale eiendom deur middel van openbare tenderproses te vervreem:-

| Erf No | Adres | Erf Grootte |
|----------|---|--------------------|
| ERF 2258 | Botterblomstraat, Rondomskrik, Prins Albert | 627 m ² |
| ERF 2259 | Botterblomstraat, Rondomskrik, Prins Albert | 852 m ² |
| ERF 2260 | Botterblomstraat, Rondomskrik, Prins Albert | 568 m ² |

BEGUNSTIGDE AAN WIE ERWE TOEGEKEN WORD:
GOEDGEDACHT TRUST is 'n geregistreerde Welsyns- en Opvoedkundige Trust (Nr 965/93) asook 'n nie-winsgewende organisasie (Nr 006/582) wat alreeds vir die afgelope 20 jaar poog om die siklusse van armoede soos dit die landelike gemeenskappe vir generasies negatief affekteer, finaal te beëindig.

REDE VAN TOEKENNING: Om 'n POP Jeugsentrum vir die kinders en jongmense van Prins Albert, op te rig waarin hulle ondermeer in nasorgprogramme, lewensvaardighede, leierskapsprogramme en skoolvakansieprogramme aktief kan deelneem.

TOTALE BEDRAG VAN ERWE: R60 000,00

Volledige besonderhede lê ter insae by die ondergetekende gedurende kantoorure te:-

Prince Albert Munisipale Kantore, Kerkstraat 33, PRINCE ALBERT, 6930

Besware en of kommentaar met betrekking tot die voorgestelde vervreemdings moet skriftelik (met opgaaf van redes) by die ondergetekende ingedien word voor of op **VRYDAG, 1 MAART 2013**.

Ingevolge Artikel 21(4) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering : Munisipale Stelsels, 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) word kennis gegee dat persone wat nie kan skryf nie enige munisipale personeellid by enige ontvangskantore van die Raad te Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka en Klaarstroom kan nader vir hulpverlening om u kommentaar, beswaar of inset op skrif te stel.

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| Privaatsak X53 | MUNISIPALE BESTUURDER |
| PRINS ALBERT | 18 Januarie 2013 |
| 6930 | Tel. (023) 541-1320 |

PRINS ALBERT MUNICIPALITY**NOTICE NR 04/2013****TENDER - PROPOSED ALIENATION OF FIXED
MUNICIPAL PROPERTY**

Notice is hereby given in terms of Sections 21 and 21A of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) read together with Regulation 6 of the Municipal Asset Transfer Regulations, R878/2008 and Article 40(3)(a) of the Supply Chainmanagement Policy, that the Local Council intends to alienate the following fixed assets by means of a public tender process:-

| Erf Nr | Address | Erf Size |
|----------|---|--------------------|
| ERF 2258 | Botterblom Street, Rondomskrik, Prince Albert | 627 m ² |
| ERF 2259 | Botterblom Street, Rondomskrik, Prince Albert | 852 m ² |
| ERF 2260 | Botterblom Street, Rondomskrik, Prince Albert | 568 m ² |

BENEFICIARIES OF THE ERVEN:
GOEDGEDACHT TRUST a registered Welfare and Educational Trust (No 965/93) as well as a non-profit organization (No. 006/582) who has for the past 20 years trying to break the cycles of poverty as they affect the rural communities for generations negative.

REASON OF AWARD: For the construction of a POP Youth Center for children and young people of Prince Albert, integrating them more in aftercare programs, life skills, leadership and school holiday programs can actively participate.

TOTAL AMOUNT OF ERVEN: R60 000.00

Details of the proposals are available for inspection in:

the Municipal Offices, 33 Church Street, Prince Albert, during office hours.

Objections and or comments with regard to the intended alienation must be lodged in writing with the undersigned on or before **Friday, 1 MARCH 2013**, stating full reasons for such objections/ comments.

In terms of Section 21 (4) of the Local Government : Municipal Systems Act 2000 notice is hereby given that people that are not able to read and write can request any municipal official at any reception office of the Council at Prince Albert, Leeu-Gamka and Klaarstroom to assist him or her in compiling his or her objection or comment in writing.

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Prince Albert Vriend - 15 Jaar Gelede



Voorblad van die Januarie 1998 uitgawe

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“Dr Elza Miles van die Johannesburgse Kunsgalery rig ‘n spesiale uitnodiging aan Jan Schoeman om met kar, trein, lappe en lighuisies sy buiging vir die kunsliefhebbers te kom maak. Outa moet ook ‘n kuns- en kultuurmuur, soos by Botterkraal opgerig, in die galery om help bou”, staan op die voorblad. “Outa vertel later dat die strate van Johannesburg, die goudstad, toe werklik vol goud lê. ‘Met al die rommel wat daar rondlê kan ‘n mens sommer baie geld maak. Ek het hulle gesê hulle moet alles bymekaar maak, dan kom bou ek vir hulle ‘n stad

daarmee.’”

Paraat op hoë graad: Op bladsy 6: “Einde verlede jaar is ‘n plaaswag in die Gang gestig. Plaasarbeiders en boere werk saam om misdaad te voorkom, en hulle gesinne te beveilig. Die eerste vergadering van 1998 is reeds gehou. Goeie terugvoering is by dié geleentheid gegee, en die aksieplan vorentoe is bespreek. Veel meer wou hulle nie sê nie, maar die boodskap is duidelik: Voor die kwaaddoener sal we twat in Die Gang aangaan sal Die Gang weet wat in die kwaaddoener aangaan!”

Jordi the Porcupine stays at Dawn's Place: Page 6: “Jordi the porcupine checked into Dawn's Place recently. He arrived in a Merc, brought his owners – Beatrice and Richard Pickard-Cambridge, and the family dog.” “Jordi comes from the Beaufort West district and was found as a baby by a farmworker... Beatrice and Richard cared for him and pampered him until he became part of the family and one of the many free-range pets on the farm.” “When asked if Jordi would sleep comfortably in the cottage Richard

said, ‘Oh yes, just as long as he has his blanket.’”

SA Goju Karatekampioenskappe in Prince Albert: Op bladsy 15: “Toe dit duidelik word dat die Suid-Kaapsestreek van Goju Karate SA, vanjaar die kampioenskappe sal moet aanbied, het plaaslike Karatekas gesprong vir die geleentheid... Prince Albert maak dus geskiedenis deurdat die eerste plattelandse dorp in die geskiedenis van Suid-Afrikaanse Karate is om die Nasionale Goju Karatekampioenskappe te huisves. Dit is ook die eerste keer dat hierdie gebeurtenis in die opelug sal plaasvind.”

War on Waste: Op bladsy 15: “Die War on Waste-projek (WOW) loop die gevaar om tot stilstand te kom as gevolg van vervoerprobleme. Die lokaal waarin die Rommel gebêre word is al tot barstens toe vol, maar nêrens in ons dorp en omgewing is ‘n geskikte voertuig om dit na Oudtshoorn te vervoer nie. Dit sal ‘n harseer dag wees as hierdie projek wat Prince Albert Primêre skool sowel as die dorp bevoordeel, gestop moet word.”

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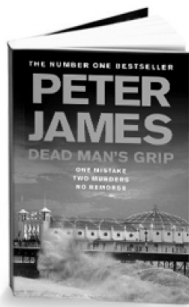
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Prince Albert Municipal Library BOOK REVIEW

Dead Man's Grip by Peter James



Peter James is an internationally best-selling crime thriller novelist. British-born, his writing is always a joy to read, not only for gripping plots and well-drawn characters but also for his excellent use of language... and English spelling.

James' books are published in 34 languages and *Dead Man's Grip* is the seventh in the award-winning Detective Superintendent Roy Grace crime series. All the stories are centred in the author's

hometown of Brighton, and aspects of the city are always pictured on their covers.

For a crime writer, says James, Brighton is an almost perfect criminal environment. It has an unguarded coastline – perfect for importing drugs and exporting stolen goods - masses of escape routes close to hand: all the coastal ports, Eurotunnel, Gatwick Airport, and London just 50 minutes away by train and a great road network.

And with two universities, a huge student population, a very large arty community and the largest gay community in the UK there is no shortage of characters to draw on.

Dead Man's Grip is an unputdownable read, setting off at a cracking pace that doesn't ease up until the final pages. The blurb says, "Carly Chase is traumatised ten days after being in a fatal traffic accident

which kills a teenage student from Brighton University. Then she receives news that turns her entire world into a living nightmare. The drivers of the other two vehicles involved have been found tortured and murdered."

Detective Superintendent Roy Grace of the Sussex Police force warns Carly that she could be next because the student had deadly connections. These connections reach right across the Atlantic and the killer, it seems, is not going to rest until every person involved in that fatal accident is dead too.

DS Grace advises feisty Carly that her best option is to go into hiding and change her identity. But she disagrees, knowing that people have ways of hunting you down wherever you hide. She feels that if the police are unable to stop them she has to find a way to do it herself.

But tension mounts as you soon become aware that the killer is one step ahead of her, watching, waiting, and ready...

- Barbara Castle -

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Prince Albert teacher's debut novel



Writer Janet Rogers taught at Hoërskool Zwartberg in the 1990s (Photo: Janet Rogers)

South African writer Janet Rogers has just released a well-received debut novel, *East of the Sun*. Janet's early career was in teaching – Prince Alberters will remember her as Juffrou Kriel who taught English at Hoërskool Zwartberg in the mid-1990s. She moved on to do research for the management consulting industry in Johannesburg. Canada was home in 2003, after which she lived in Russia from 2004-2009, where she worked as a freelance writer and editor. Janet and her American husband are currently based in Portugal.

East of the Sun is a thriller that explores the dangerous consequences that arise when the diplomatic community becomes entangled with big business in the pursuit of Russia's vast natural resources. A year after the Canadian Ambassador to Russia disappears during negotiations between a Canadian exploration company and its Russian counterpart, his wife Amelia Preston returns to Moscow. The shady realm of mining industry in-fighting takes centre stage as she sets off on a quest to find answers. The result is a fast-paced nail-biter.

The *Friend* caught up with Janet in cyberspace to learn more about her and her new novel.

Where are you and your family originally from in South Africa, where did you study and why did you choose

teaching as a profession?

I come from a family of teachers and educators and grew up where there are often jobs for young teachers - small towns. I have fond, if weird, memories of growing up in the Northern Cape. We moved to the Western Cape when I was about 12. I studied at Stellenbosch and again later at what is now the University of Johannesburg (then RAU).

What attracted you to Prince Albert and Hoërskool Zwartberg?

Teaching at Hoërskool Zwartberg was my very first job after university, so I guess it was a question of going where you could find a position. I consider myself quite lucky to have started in such a picturesque part of the world. I remember feeling very green and who can forget that incredible summer heat, the afternoon wind, the beautiful mountain, the good food, friendly people and my lovely students, who are all grown up now and remind me of just how old I am.

You appear to have a travel bug. Did you start on your travels abroad after leaving Hoërskool Zwartberg?

Travel bug, restlessness, a thirst for experiences, yes indeed. I moved to Johannesburg after leaving Prince Albert, left teaching and met my husband, who's American, at the consulting firm where we both worked. And that's when my own restlessness met its match, I suppose. He's even more adventurous than I am! We moved to Montreal (Canada) in 2003, then Russia and now Portugal. Talk about culture shock and language confusion! But our lives are certainly richer and we have developed broader perspectives.

When did you start writing and why?

I've always written, but when you grow up in a conservative, middle-class Afrikaans home, the notion of making your living from writing isn't exactly top of the list of potential career paths. When I left South Africa I started doing it more

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KENNISGEWING / NOTICE - 11/2013

Kennis geskied hiermee kragtens Artikel 127(5) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Finansiële Bestuur 2003 (Wet 56 van 2003) saamgelees met Artikel 21A van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) dat die Jaarverslag vir die Munisipaliteit van Prince Albert vir die Finansiële jaar 2010/2011 vir die periode van dertig (30) dae vanaf datum van publikasie van hierdie kennisgewing ter insae lê by die volgende plekke:

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Die publiek word hiermee uitgenooi om nie later as **Vrydag, 1 Maart 2013** skriftelik kommentaar of vertoë, indien enige, met betrekking tot die Jaarverslag by die ondergetekende in te dien.

Ingevolge Artikel 21(4) van die Wet op Plaaslike Regering: Munisipale Stelsels, 2000 (Wet 32 van 2000) word kennis gegee dat persone wie nie kan skryf nie enige munisipale personeelid by enige ontvangskantore van die Munisipaliteit te Prins Albert, Klaarstroom en Leeu-Gamka kan nader vir hulpverlening om u kommentaar of vertoë op skrif te stel.

2011 / 2012 ANNUAL REPORT

Notice is hereby given in terms of Section 127(5) of the Local Government: Finance Management, 2003 (Act 56 of 2003) read with Section 21A of the Local Government: Municipal Systems Act, 2000 (Act 32 of 2000) that the Annual Report for Prince Albert Municipality in respect of the 2010/2011 financial year is available for inspection for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice at the following places:-

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|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE | 33 CHURCH STREET, PRINCE ALBERT |
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The public is hereby invited to submit written comment or representations, if any, in respect of the annual report with the undersigned by not later than **Friday 1 March 2013**.

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seriously. I did freelance jobs, immersed myself as much as I could and learnt a great deal. The written word has such tremendous power to shape, teach, enlighten, console, nourish and especially to entertain. So, for now, my writing ambition is simply to tell a good story.

How much of your book is based on personal experience? Why did you choose to place it in Russia?

Five years in Russia certainly helped me to convey the atmosphere, the nuance and the very peculiar reality of the place, but the story is entirely fictional. Corruption, dirty deals and an astonishing lack of ethics are all par for the course in Russian business, and especially in the mining/natural resources world. My husband worked in that industry and I often feared for his safety, so my tendency to play the "imagine if" game led to a story about one woman facing these powerful mining giants.

Are you happy with the response to your book?

It is early days, but the response from readers has been great. When I hear "it kept me guessing" and "I couldn't put it down", I'm happy. That's what it's all about.

Do you have a message you want to convey in your book?

Not really. I think readers who don't know the realities of Russia will make some discoveries, and there are certainly messages about the way international business is conducted, but the overall intention is to entertain.

What are your plans for the future? Is there another book in the offing?

Readers have already started asking, which is a lovely compliment. I've started jotting down some tentative ideas and I'm doing research, but nothing concrete yet. We have to finish construction of our house here in Portugal first, so it may be a month or two before I can start again in earnest.

Do you plan on visiting South Africa and even Prince Albert sometime in the future?

I miss South Africa terribly and we come back often, but never often enough. I've been back to Prince Albert several times and will come and stock up on olives the next time I'm in town.

How best can readers get hold of the book?

East of the Sun is currently available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle format. I'm working on making the book available in South Africa, but even with delivery costs, the Amazon price cannot be achieved through local suppliers, so I recommend ordering it online.

For more information about *East of the Sun*, please visit www.janetrogersblog.wordpress.com or contact the author at eotsbook@gmail.com.

Sterilisasie FEIT: KLEINER GESINNE IS MEER BEKOSTIGBAAR

Die Wes-kaap Eenheid van Verloskunde en Ginekologie van George Hospitaal is tans besig met 'n veldtog van vrywillige en gratis sterilisasie in Prince Albert.

Die kliniek word slegs drie keer per jaar aangebied en die datum van die volgende kliniek is 7 en 8 Februarie 2013.

Heelparty vroue wat van hierdie dienste gebruik wil maak, beskik nie oor die nodige vervoer na die kliniek toe nie; baie woon op omliggende plase.

Ons wil hiermee 'n versoek aan die boere van die Prince Albert omgewing rig om, as dit moontlik is, met die vervoer van die belangstellende werkers (vroue) te help.

Die *Thursday Group* wil graag betrokke raak by hierdie inisiatief en sal enige hulp met vervoer hoog op prys stel.

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The emotional depth of a cow



Let's be friends ... a curious, calm cow. Photograph: David Moir/Reuters

Who would think that beneath that calm exterior there is a boiling mass of emotions? I'm not talking about Wimbledon champions here, but cows. Yes, cows; those creatures that we eat, and take milk from, but rarely think about. According to new research by scientists at Northampton University,

cows have "best friends" and get stressed when separated.

In his book *The Cow*, the former butcher and poet Beat Sterchi invented an adjective to describe the way that cows stand placidly – "cowpeaceably". If you watch cows lying down in a field they will normally be

ruminating (chewing on regurgitated grass), staring blankly into space and looking totally at peace. This state of total calmness makes the cow appear withdrawn and "otherworldly". This is perhaps why we assume there is nothing much going on between a cow's ears.

But we cow lovers have always known that cows have emotional depth. DH Lawrence wrote brilliantly about his relationship with Susan, a black cow that he milked every morning in 1924-5 on his ranch in Taos, New Mexico.

He comments on her "cowy oblivion", her "cow inertia", her "cowy passivity" and her "cowy peace" and he wonders where she goes to in her trances. But he believes, quite rightly, that there is always "a certain untouched chaos in her", which is never far away. Some days, he writes, she is "fractious, tiresome, and a faggot". This is because she will deliberately do things to annoy him, such as swinging her tail in his face during milking: "So sometimes she swings it, just on purpose: and looks at me out of the black



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corner of her great, pure-black eye, when I yell at her."

To anyone who works, or has worked, with cows, it comes as no surprise that cows are capable of friendships. Within any herd there is a pecking order that results in cows coming into the milking parlour every time in more or less the same position in the queue. At the dairy farm I worked on as an agricultural student we had "Devilish Delilah", "Crafty Caroline" and "Pain-In-The-Arse Mary-Rose" – all of which were nicknamed because of their annoying or aggressive antics at milking time or feeding time. Dominant cows will push their way to the front of the queue, bully and intimidate more sensitive souls, and dictate when and where the group will move around their pasture. No submissive cow would want to be their "best friend".

Certain cows will always be the ringleaders when trouble occurs – bulldozing fences until they give way is often found out by accident, but then pursued with great joy by the felons. And woe betide

anyone who gets in the way of a protective mother and her calf; she'll knock you for six and reverse over you for good measure.

But there are also the gentler cows who always appreciate a scratch behind the ear as you go past and the cows that Temple Grandin, the animal scientist, would describe as "curiously afraid". These cows, and most do exhibit this behaviour, will be curious of any new thing but terrified of it at the same time. The braver ones will come forward to investigate first, but will stand at such a distance that their necks and tongues will be stretched out as far as possible so they don't have to be too close. They will snort, sniff and try to lick the novelty until they decide after about 15 minutes that they are bored and will wander off. There's a lot going on between those hairy ears.

- Hannah Velten -

*This article first appeared on
www.guardian.co.uk on 7 July 2011.*

Municipal News

Traffic Department Under Scrutiny

Prince Albert's Council is considering a report on the Municipal Traffic Department prepared by DA Councillor Annelie Rabie. According to the Municipal Manager, Heinrich Mettler, Mayor Goliath Lottering asked Rabie, because of her specialist background, to undertake the inquiry into the traffic department.

Concerns have been expressed in Council and at Ward Committee meetings about the functioning of the traffic department and also its contribution to the Municipality's income. Mr Mettler could not say when the report would be made public.

Water Situation

Mettler, was delighted that in spite of the busy holiday season and the hot weather in December and January, the Municipality did not have to introduce water restrictions in Prince Albert,

Leeu-Gamka and Klaarstroom. "Our technical services team led by Mr Noel Klink worked throughout the season. In spite of our limited water storage capacity, we managed the situation well," he said.

Mettler also pointed to the Municipality's holiday programme and its 10 portable swimming pools at the Odendaal Sports Grounds throughout the school holidays. "Children and parents had fun, kept cool and did not need to waste water at home. But more than that, the pools provided an alternative to swimming at Eerstewater, which was our main objective," he noted. "The river and the picnic spots were noticeably cleaner this year."

Mettler pointed out that the building of a swimming pool behind the Thusong Centre in Prince Albert was a priority for the Municipality. There was now funding for the project, which would also include a sports field and running track, and a bowling green.



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Nuwe Graad 1's - Prince Albert Primêr



Graad 1 - 2013: die begin van hulle akademiese skoolloopbaan (Foto: Jeremia Prens)

Op 9 Januarie 2013 het die Wes-Kaapse skole amptelik heropen, ook in Prince Albert. Vir die leerders in graad 1 is dit 'n nuwe uitdaging op 'n onbekende terrein. Vir ons as ouers, wat die voorreg gesmaak het om ons kinders te kon afgee, was dit 'n vreugde en het ons hulle met trots voorberei vir die jaar wat voorlê.

Prince Albert Primêr het 'n stewige toevoeging tot sy leerdergetalle gekry, naamlik die 400 nuwe Graad 1's. Die omge-

wing was vir van hulle aanvanklik onbekend, maar hulle het sommer gou gou hul stempel afgedruk en met opgewondenheid en vreugde die terrein betree en verken.

Pragtig uitgevat in hul skoolklere het hulle in met hul ouers by die skool opgedaag en later by die VGK saal byeengekom, waar die indeling plaasgevind het. Hulle opgewondenheid het die opvoeders sommer hoop gegee vir die nuwe jaar en so ook vir

ons as ouers, wie se kinders in hul sorg toevertrou is. Fier en trots het hulle hul naamkaartjies afgehaal en met ywer het hulle die eerste dag aangepak.

Hiermee wil ek as ouer vir ons kinders sterkte toewens met die jaar en vertrou dat hulle die beste daarvan sal maak. Vir die ouers wil ek sê: Kom ons wees betrokke by die opvoeding van ons kinders om sodoende die opvoeders se hand te sterk. Spesiaal wil ek dan die graad 1 opvoeders, nl. Juffrouens Briesies, Draai, Munro en April sterkte toewens en motiveer vir die jaar waarin hulle ons kinders akademies moet voorberei, ons weet dit is nie 'n maklike taak nie, maar wil julle verseker dat ons as ouers die pad saam met julle sal stap, om sodoende van die jaar 2013 en die klein mensies se opvoeding 'n sukses te maak.

Ten slotte wil ek net afsluit met Lukas 18 vers 16: "Laat die kindertjies na My toe kom en moet hulle nie verhinder nie, want die koninkryk van God is juis vir mense soos hulle." Kom ons moedig ons kinders aan, motiveer hulle, gee hulle liefde en aandag sodat hulle akademies kan presteer.

- Jeremia Prens -

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'n Nuwe jaar bring nuwe geleenthede

'n Nuwe jaar is sinoniem met nuwe geleenthede, maar dis ook 'n tyd om te reflekteer en terug te kyk op die mylpale wat jy behaal het. Wanneer dit by finansiële beplanning kom, is dit belangrik om voort te bou op 'n stewige fondasie. Ek sien daarna uit om elke geleentheid aan te gryp, om dit te assesser en seker te maak dat dit in elke van my individuele kliënte se doelwitte pas. Ek hoop dat ons in 2013 saam nuwe hoogtes sal bereik.



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Albert College steps confidently into 2013



The staff of Albert College (Photo: Ailsa Tudhope)

Six years ago Tracy Swanepoel and Lesley van Heerden started home schooling their sons Joshua and Matthew, with the assistance of Joy Rolfe and Ailsa Tudhope. Pat and Geoff Yeo soon brought their expertise to the teaching team and the older children in the 'Lazy Lizard family' joined their cousins.

Christopher Mullins was the first villager to follow the family to the formally registered English medium private school, Albert College and since then the increase in enrolments has been phenomenal. Sheila Coutouvidis, Judy Maguire, her sister Enid Steenkamp and André Goosen joined the team and the premises expanded.

Eighty children are currently registered for classes from Grade R to Grade 8, then on to the senior grades, where we follow the Cambridge International route which ends when our children complete their Subsidiary A Level (AS) examinations, equipping them with a South African Matric Certificate. We are a registered Cambridge Centre and the children can write their examinations in Prince Albert.

Joshua, Matthew, Abigail Modra, Louisa Mokoao and Johanli Gouws completed their studies in 2012. Matt and Josh are heading for UCT, Johanli is off to a Hair-dressing College in Cape Town, Abi is working in Norway and Louisa at the Lazy Lizard.

At the end of 2012 we said a sad farewell to Heather Aitken, who had firmly established our school's Foundation Phase and assisted Johanna Mokoao with her UNISA studies. Johanna is now teaching our Grade R group and Drienie Bowers,

who retired from Brooklands Primary School in Northpine, has taken over the Grade 1 class and the remedial reading programme. Grades 2 and 3 are Bianca Luttig's 'babies.' Yvonne Freysen, Sheila, André and Tracy work with the Grade 4 to 8 children. Lenor Snyman has joined the staff to offer Art and Music to our junior classes, while Di van der Riet Steyn continues to teach our senior Art pupils.

The school operates from two houses in Markstraat and a third in Luttig Street. Our Monday assembly is held in the NG Kerkzaal and the middle school children head for the Municipal park at break, ably supervised by parents and senior pupils. On Friday the thunder of young feet sounds along Gordon's Koppie as everyone enjoys the weekly trail run. Our children belong to Zwartberg Runners, the local Tennis Club and their own hockey club and once the weather is a little cooler our *Hurricane* and *Spitfire* teams will take on each other at an Athletics meet.

As the school has continued to grow we have been supported by the enthusiasm and skill of Peter Bloemendal and his team, who have created our versatile teaching spaces and Dessie Hendricks and Adonis Willemse, who keep the buildings and grounds spick and span. We are deeply indebted to the parents and many other Prince Albert residents who encourage us, provide advice and expertise and inspire us to offer the broad educational advantages of private education. We look forward to 2013 and all the opportunities and challenges it will present.

- Ailsa Tudhope -

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Thursday Group Replaces Bambino's Roof



Bambino Nursery School (Photo: Linda Jaquet)

Prince Albert's Thursday Group has again made a valuable contribution to the community without fuss or fanfare. Thanks to the generosity of this informal group of retired women, Bambino Nursery School boasts a brand new roof. A solid structure of wood, corrugated iron and Perspex has replaced the well-worn, rather tatty shade cloth that covered the school's classrooms and central quadrangle.

The Thursday Group has been involved with Bambino Nursery School for some time. It provides the ingredients for the 90 children's breakfasts every week, has supplied bedding and members visit the school from time to time. They were shocked one morning after a rainstorm to see the children playing and sloshing about on a sopping wet quadrangle. They also learned from the teachers that the shade cloth no longer offered protection from the sun and wind and regularly came adrift in the strong Prince Albert winds.

After discussions with the school and its control board, the Thursday Group asked retired architect John Whitton to design a roof that would meet Bambino's needs and Dick Metcalf, a retired civil engineer, to provide technical advice. Both volunteered their services for the project. Three tenders for

the construction were sought and local builder Bertus van der Spuy was employed. He and his team started work in the October school holidays so as not to interfere with the children and their teachers.

The roof was unveiled in December 2012 at a small ceremony at Bambino. Sammy Delpont, chair of Bambino's control board, said that he had difficulty in finding the words to express how he felt and thanked the Thursday Group for their amazing generosity and support for the school.

Ione Auerswald told the *Friend* that the project had cost R62 000. "It was money well spent on something that will last a long, long time and that was sorely needed by a school that is well run and plays an important role in the community," she said. "This was the biggest project that we undertook last year and we continue to be grateful for all the support that we receive from residents and further afield."

The Thursday Group's involvement with Bambino Nursery School continues. In 2013 the group will assist in renovating the school's kitchen and toilets.

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Vanaf Januarie 2013 word Hoërskool Zwartberg 'n suiwer hoërskool vanaf Gr. 8 tot Gr. 12. Daar is intussen deur die jare aangebou aan die oorspronklike



gebou soos die leerdertal aangegroei het en die skool beskik nou ook oor verskeie spesiale klaskamers soos die wetenskap-laboratorium en 'n goed toegeruste rekenaarlokaal met 40 rekenaars. Die huidige leerdertal raak aan die 450.

Vakkeuses in die skool is as volg: Afrikaans Huistaal, English First Additional Language en Lewensoriëntering is verpligte leerareas; vakkeuses: Wiskunde of Wiskundige Geletterdheid; Lewenswet-

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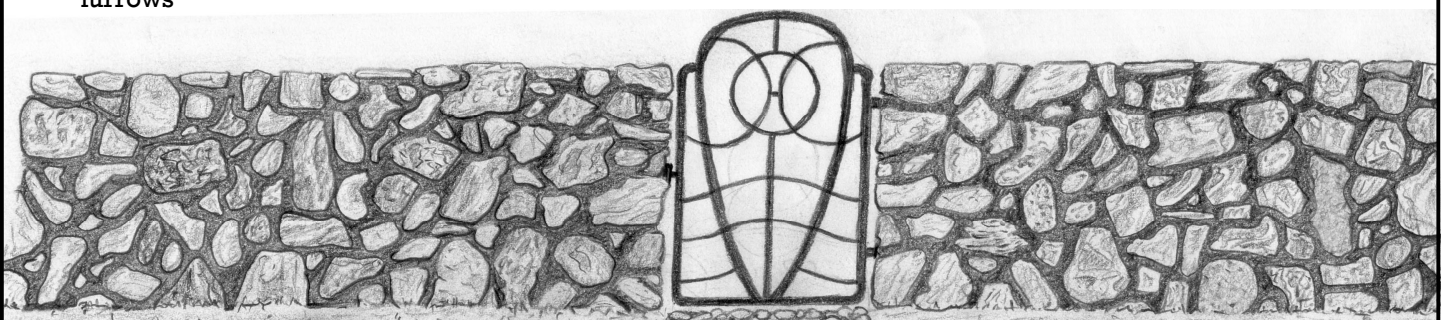


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(HZ... Vervolg vanaf p 41)

skap of Toerisme; Rekenaartoeppassings-tegnologie of Fisiese Wetenskap of Besigheidstudies en laastens Verbruikerstudie of Siviele Tegnologie.

Hoërskool Zwartberg glo in die holistiese ontwikkeling van die kind, daarom, behalwe vir die akademie, neem die skool ook ywerig deel op sportgebied. Die skool beskik oor netjiese sportgeriewe waar buurskole gereeld kom meeding op die rugbyveld en netbalbane.

Die skool hou elke jaar interskole teen Hoërskool Laingsburg. Die leerders neem ook elke jaar aan die begin van die skooljaar plaaslik deel aan die kleure-atletiek-byeenkoms en later volg die Suidoos Kaap atletiekbyeenkoms waar Hoërskool Zwartberg meeding teen Hoërskool Uniondale, Hoërskool MacLachlan, Hoërskool Wittedrif en Hoërskool Kareedouw. Baie leerders dring ook deur na verdere byeenkomste.

Die skool neem ook deel aan verskeie kultuurbedrywighede wat insluit VCSV, skaak en tienertoneel. Daar word jaarliks 'n kultuuraand gehou waar leerders hul talent op kultuurgebied kan uitstal.

Die skool het deur die jare oor goed opgeleide onderwysers beskik. Mense wat leerders kon aanspoor en help tot uitstaande prestasies op akademiese - sowel as sport- en kultuurgebied. Met ingang van 2013 bestaan die personeel uit vyftien ten volle gekwalifiseerde onderwysers wat hul taak met groot en-



Twee Gr 12-leerders besig in die fisiese wetenskapklas

toesiasme verrig. Die personeel bestaan uit die skoolhoof, mnr. Richard McKnight BA Hon (HOD), adjunkhoof, mnr. Danie Rossouw (HOD), departementshoofde, mnre. Johannes Izaks BA Tale (HOD) en Shaun van der Walt B Com Gedragwetenskap (HOD), Me. Theresa de Wit B Ed Huish, Me. Marlene van der Merwe BSc HOD (Bde), Mnr. Mark Dokter BSc Chemiese Wetenskap (NOS), Me. Anneke van Eck BSc Huish (Ed), Me. Christelle Smit HOD, Me. Ronel McKnight BBibI (Ed), Me. Linda Fodor BA Tale (HOD), Mnr. Richard van Reenen BSc NOS (Bde), Me. Chrisma Pfister B Ed VOO (EBW), mnr. Willméro Freeks B Ed VOO (EBW), mnr. Leslie Claassen B Ed VOO (Spesialisering).

Omdat die skool 'n groot omgewing bedien, is daar ook 'n koshuis waar ongeveer

90 leerders jaarliks inwoon. Me. M. Heyns is die matrone wat met haar span wat bestaan uit me B. Visagie, E Krots, I. Vries, E. Buis, S. Windvogel en mnr. B. Japhta verseker dat die koshuis 'n huis weg van die huis word vir elke inwoner. By die skool word dinge in orde gehou deur me. E. Marsch. en mnr. H. Ceylon.

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So Long, Zwartberg Runners

Prince Albert's running club, the Zwartberg Runners, with its recognisable bright orange running gear, is to close. The club was launched five years ago and has hosted five popular half marathons and 10km events, and many fun runs and relays. The club's colours were represented at various races around the country, including the prestigious Two Oceans and Comrades Marathons.

Terry Barnato, chairperson of the Zwartberg Runners, says that the five years were fulfilling and enriching. "In spite of this, we reached a point where we needed to make a decision regarding the club and its viability. It has not been easy and our decision to close the club was not made overnight."

Terry explained that Zwartberg Runners has always had a small membership and often struggled to meet the membership requirements of the affiliating body, Athletics South Western Districts (SWD). "In the last year Athletics SWD made increasing demands on us. I guess this is because of the pressure put on them by the main body, Athletics South Africa. However, it does result in little clubs like ours struggling to keep up."

The club is required to hold an official running event every year. The costs in time and funds are huge. "From the outset Zwartberg Runners battled with a shoestring budget as well as a skeleton staff. But the demands are getting tougher and the shoestrings and skeletons are no longer there to handle them," Terry said ruefully. "We have had some faithful sponsors through the years but it would not be fair to continue to ask them to sustain us. Nor is it fair to put extra demands on folk who are already stretched to their limits."

Some Zwartberg Runners' members are joining Run/Walk for Life in Oudtshoorn. Terry thanked all the members who had been loyal to the club since 2008. "You put the club's name on the map through your blood, sweat and guts. Members like you made our decision to close the club a very sad and difficult one."



Zwartberg Runners' Sandy and Caleb Swanepoel compete in the Swartberg Pass Half Marathon in 2012 (Photo: Zwartberg Runners).

Terry also thanked the sponsors who had supported the club from the outset: Koggelmander, Vrisgewaagd, Weltevrede Fig Farm, Knysna Rotary Club, the Prince Albert Municipality, Bushman Valley, Kobus and Lenor Snyman, Lazy Lizard, Bergwater Vineyards and Colin Campbell of the National Garage. "Even through some tight times these sponsors always came through for us. There were many other small contributions from locals, too many to mention by name – thank you too."

"Thanks also to the local Police and Municipal Traffic Department for your patience and cooperation with us. It was great working with you. And finally, to the overworked and definitely underpaid Zwartberg Runners committee, thank you for throwing in time and effort and for believing that we could do it. Maybe some day we, or someone else can start the club again..."

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